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SUBJECT: SWISS IN LIBYA: CHARGE REQUESTS EU, US PRESENCE AT COURT HEARING REF: A) TRIPOLI 901; B) STATE 117546; C) TRIPOLI 832 TRIPOLI 00000910

1.(S/NF) Summary: Swiss Charge Stefano Lazarotto is making the rounds at EU embassies in Tripoli, in an attempt to garner a quorum of ambassadc
SWISS CHARGE REQUESTS EU, US PRESENCE AT COURT HEARING

2.(S/NF) Swiss Charge d'Affaires, Stefano Lazarotto, told Pol/Econ Chief November 15 that he was in the process of calling on EU embassies in T
EU AMBASSADORS WILL LIKELY REFER REQUEST TO BRUSSELS

3.(S/NF) In a separate November 15 meeting with Pol/Econ Chief, Italian xxxxxxxxxxxx confirmed that Lazarotto had approached the Italian ambass

4.(S/NF) xxxxxxxxxxxx explained that the EU nations were already experiencing blowback from the Libyans for Switzerland's recent, unilateral ve
GOL FURTHER COMPLICATES SWISS ISSUE

5.(S/NF) To further complicate the situation, the GOL announced publicly November 12 that the detained Swiss must move out of the Swiss Embassy
SWISS WAITING ON PERMISSION TO ATTEND TRIAL

6.(S/NF) In spite of Lazarotto's efforts to gather a group of ambassadors to attend the court hearing, the Swiss Embassy does not yet, itself,

7.(S/NF) Lazarotto again thanked the USG for its support and conveyed that he had advised Bern to remain discreet regarding the US role in the

8.(S/NF) Comment: The Swiss have alienated the very European governments they are now trying to recruit for support, through their initial insi